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Influences of Surroundings upon Study---and Life

A True Story—Which Home is Yours?

Two boys, Watson and Walter attended the same old Bush School, sat at the same desk, had the same teacher, same classes, same games at recess, used the same text books. Walter was always at the head of the class, neat in appearance, clothes brushed, shoes polished, collar clean, hair brushed till his forehead shone. Watson was just the opposite in personal habits, and a laggard in study. "Why" to my boyish mind, was the mystery. I hadn't learned to analyze the effect of home surroundings on study.

One night, while on my way to the creek for a swim, I stopped to ask these boys to join me. They were both trying to study, but, oh, the difference!

Walter's folks were poor, but his mother had that art of making "much of little." The room was spotlessly clean, the two little windows hung with dainty, fresh, white curtains. (Cost, probably, twenty cents.) The furniture was very plain, but in the corner of the room was a little home made stand, Walter's own for study. It was covered with clean, plain wrapping paper, and held his few

choice school books, a lamp, inkwell, blotter and ruler. Just above the stand was a home made book shelf (spools strung on heavy twine) with two shelves containing the few books mother had collected and placed convenient for Walter's use. Near him on the narrow window ledge, neatly covered with white paper, in tin cans painted green, were some blooming house plants, and one simple picture adorned the student corner — "The Landing of the Pilgrims." Walter had just finished drying the dishes and bringing the wood, and had seated himself, face to the wall for solid study.

He joined me, however for the swim, and, together, we called for Watson, whose richer parents lived farther down the road. The living room at Watson's was dirty, gloomy and smelly, no window curtains, no flowers, no pictures, no family books, but a crumpled edition of a Sunday Sporting Newspaper scattered round the room. A big foul smelling spittoon was about the only ornament. Watson, untidy, of course was lounging around first on a chair and then

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Virtues That Command Success.
Vigilance in watching opportunity;
tact and daring in seizing upon opportunity;
force and persistence in crowding opportunity to its utmost of possible achievement—these are the martial virtues which must command success.—Phelps.

In, In---Well in Berea, and Elsewhere

Orphans. There are two kinds of orphans—those made so by the death of parents and those whose parents still live but do not, and, in many instances, never have exercised the highest functions of parents towards their children.

Of this latter class there are a great many every where—there are a great many in Berea. Those thus orphaned are orphaned indeed. Possibly there is one child in a hundred that isn't an orphan. It is not enough that children have something to eat, a place to sleep, and clothes—decent clothes—to wear. The parents who only supply these needs may justly consider their children orphans. They have not realized and met the highest obligations of parenthood—they have not supplied the supreme needs of their children.

The great Apostle to the Gentiles said that the Corinthians where his Epistles—letters—read and known of all men. He meant that people could read their lives and tell what his life was—what Christianity was. Now children are the Epistles of the home. One does not need to go into the home to see and know what the home life is. He can read it in the lives—the manners, the conduct—of the children. Neatness or slovenliness, cleanliness or uncleanness in the children as seen about the streets tells on the home—one story; an unmistakable story. But there is something else that speaks louder. It is conduct. The language, the manner, the bearing of children are index fingers that point back to the home—that tell on the parents.

Then what of the bad manners, the vulgarity, the profanity—shocking profanity—of the children, little boys and big boys, that we see and meet on the streets! They are lights—not side lights—white lights on the homes. They proclaim the children orphans—moral orphans. There are many such orphans in, in—well, in Berea.

Where can parents ever find justification for the neglect of their children? There is no justification; there can be none. It is not enough to feed them and clothe them. It is not enough to give them a place to sleep. If they have any right to exist, they have the same right to proper training in conduct. It is their dearest heritage—something that parents have no right to delegate to others. They cannot delegate this obligation to their children—this their supreme duty—without confessing their own shame and disgrace, without criminality.

The Sunday School may be good but it offers a poor substitute for parental training. It may supplement the parental precept but it has little to offer for the daily and hourly—the seven days of the week—parental example. And so of the church and the day school.

And the parents who leave to others the training of their children in manners and conduct not only confess to their willingness that they shall not be trained, but they rob themselves of their own highest privilege—the chief motive for living and living well. What stronger incentive to struggle and to endure hardships than the desire to live and be cherished in the memory of one's children!

A gentleman recently looked upon the face of his father as he lay in his coffin. "How like a soldier he looks," he said. Then after thinking a moment he continued, "He was a soldier, he always stood up for every thing that was right and good—he fought for it. I am glad his blood is in my veins."

That tribute of the son was worth an eternity of toil on the part of the father. That father will live in the son. The son is an orphan now but he is not and never was a moral orphan.

A woman with several children and an invalid husband was struggling with the problem of food, clothing, schooling and doctors' bills in a large school town. Keeping boarders was her only means of driving death and the wolf from the door. And she was about to lose out in the struggle, for her courage was about gone.

One day when the seeming hopelessness of her situation was unusually oppressive she unburdened her heart to one of her boarders and closed her sorrowful story with the following question:

"Do you think life is worth living?"

"Yes," was the insufficient response.

"Well, I've about concluded that it isn't."

The young man in relating the incident later said that he did not tell the woman that God is in heaven and that he would take care of her. He didn't think that would do much good. He thought she needed a present and unselfish incentive. And this was his appeal:

"Do you love your children?"

"Of course I do."

"Don't you think they are worth living for? Will not the assurance of a cherished place in their memory and the knowledge that by your struggles you have made their lot easier be ample reward for your trials?"

"Yes, yes! I see. I ought to be happy in my struggles and I shall be," was her reply.

And she was. The true worth of life had been pointed out to her. Her children were no longer orphans—moral orphans. She began to be a mother to them on that very day.

IN OUR OWN STATE

Fine Impression Made by O'Rear in Glasgow Speech—Forced Harmony in Democratic Ranks—George Rogers Clark to be Honored by State—Typhoid Epidemic Threatened in Louisville.

MONUMENT TO PIONEER
A bill passed the United States Senate, the 19th, appropriating \$50,000 to erect a monument to Gen. Geo. Rogers Clark in Jefferson County, Kentucky. The exact site is to be selected by a committee of which President Taft is a member.

INHARMONIOUS HARMONY
The Democrats are making a de-

termined effort to be harmonious since their Platform Convention, but with such tremendous differences to reconcile it is plainly seen to be only half hearted harmony. Watterson, defeated in the convention, has according to his declaration, shouldered his gun to march in the rear, but it is as a disturber.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC
Louisville is confronted with an epidemic of typhoid, says the City Board of Health, and old wells and springs, are blamed—not the city

water which is filtered and examined daily for impurities. Twenty eight cases with six deaths in 17 days is the record.

JUDGE O'REAR AT GLASGOW
If crowds and enthusiasm at the beginning of the campaign are any indication of the result, things already look good for the Republicans. Judge O'Rear was greeted by large throngs from Barren and adjoining counties at Glasgow, Monday, and fearlessly set forth his claims which met with the hearty approval of his hearers.

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FAMILIAR LETTER FROM PRES'T FROST

Dr. Pearsons, a Specialist in Giving—How He Discovered Berea—Has Given to Other Mountain Schools.

In a former letter I traced Dr. Pearsons' history to the time when he was seventy, and began his new career as a giver. He had been a generous man before, but from that time on he made giving his business. In this he was a path-maker. At that time the world had not heard of Rockefeller, or Carnegie, or Mrs. Sage. There were probably no instances of men who had made a business of giving. Peabody had made some very large individual benefactions, but Dr. Pearsons was the first to devote years to the study of the needs of the world, and the best use of money for making God's Kingdom Come.

He decided, first of all, to give his money himself, and not merely to hand it out to whoever came for it. He could not spend his time examin-



DR. PEARSONS

ing cases of need, and every small calamity in the neighborhood. If he was to do good in a large way, he must concentrate on large things. He could not be a judge of a thousand matters, and he determined to become a specialist on some one thing.

He chose Christian education. He decided that the best way to give money so as to do much good and little harm, was to help young people to help themselves to an education, and thus add to the number of people in the world who would have generous impulses and good principles. By Christian education he could raise up armies of good people, and they would do the rest toward making the world what it ought to be.

He made his beginning at Beloit College which he had seen at a distance years before when the driver told him it was being founded by

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

The Adjournment of Congress with the President as the Victor—Statehood for Arizona and New Mexico—Dr. Wiley on Top in the Investigation.—English Labor Strike Ended.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS

The special session of Congress adjourned, Tuesday at 3 p. m., after having approved the only measure for which it was called—The Reciprocity Agreement with Canada. In this the President appears as the victor. With a Democratic House, and a Republican, Insurgent, Democratic senate, he succeeded in getting Reciprocity, all he wanted. While the Democrats and Insurgents combined were not able to pass over his veto the cotton schedule or the wool schedule, both low tariff measures inaugurated by the Democratic majority. It is true this Congress investigated or ordered an investigation of everybody and everything from the Bell Boy to the Steel Trust, but little was accomplished by this beyond providing notoriety for certain members of Congress.

New Mexico and Arizona became states, without the recall of Judges feature of the Arizona Constitution. And this is all.

ARIZONA & NEW MEXICO

With the passing of this Congress, and in this good year of 1911, and after certain formalities are attended to, two new states will be added to the Union—New Mexico and Arizona. The Arizona constitution contained all the new features of all the so called progressive states, including the recall of Judges. President Taft objected to this feature of the constitution and vetoed the joint resolution first admitting the two states. Congress then passed a resolution admitting these states without this feature. The President's reasoning against the recall of the Judges appears to be reasonable. And they cannot be independent and subject to recall upon the petition of 25 per cent of the voters in the district. And yet there are still some people who think that it is better to have the recall of Judges and use it occasionally than that the money in interests of the state should control the Judges.

DR. WILEY ON TOP

The champion of Pure Food for all the people, Dr. Wiley, is in a fair way to win out, although much hampered in his work by assistants, over whom he has little control, as well as by his superior, Secretary Wilson, over whom he has no control. The investigating of his affairs by a committee of the Congress has clarified the situation and shown Dr. Wiley, in the main, to be right, and his opponents wholly in the wrong.

The people who have impure food and drugs to sell would give millions to have this man removed from his office.

ENGLISH STRIKE

The great Labor Strike which involved the whole of Industrial England, practically tying up all the foreign commerce, is ended but upon just what terms is hard to understand from the press dispatches.

But there is to be arbitration—real and substantial arbitration—or the labor men will strike again. From an American standpoint the whole affair has seemed "much ado about nothing," but to our British cousins it has assumed vast importance, almost bringing on Civil War—and for a difference of 2 or 3 hours in a week's labor, or a matter of 50 cents additional per week for labor.

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